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Executive Order 05-32

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is requesting assistance in relocating disaster victims from those States impacted by Hurricane Katrina to the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has asked Missouri to provide any necessary support, to include, personnel, equipment, and resources, in order to provide for the efficient operation of this relocation effort; and

WHEREAS, this relocation effort is necessary to help relieve the condition of distress and hazard to the safety and welfare of our fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is beyond the capabilities of the affected States to effectively handle the large numbers of evacuees; and

WHEREAS, the influx of large numbers of evacuees from the States impacted by Hurricane Katrina will have a significant impact on the citizens and resources of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the State requires an invocation of the provisions of Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, Section 105.267.1, RSMo, provides that an employee of an agency of the state of Missouri, who has been certified by the American Red Cross as a disaster service volunteer, may be granted leave from work with pay to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the American Red Cross, not to exceed a total of twenty-five full-time equivalent state employees for a total of one hundred twenty work hours per each employee in any fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 105.267.4, RSMo, further provides that upon written order by the Governor, additional employees, not to exceed twenty-five full time equivalent state employees, may be granted the same type of leave described in Section 105.267.1 to participate in specialized disaster relief services for disasters occurring within this state.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, Governor of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Missouri, including Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Missouri. I do hereby order that pursuant to Section 105.267.4, up to an additional twenty-five full time equivalent employees may be granted leave in accordance with Section 105.267 to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the American Red Cross, in assisting evacuees who have been relocated to Missouri.

This order shall terminate on October 31, 2005, unless extended in whole or in part.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 16th day of September, 2005.

Matt Blunt Governor

ATTEST:

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State